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contained in a suitable carrier to the subject under conditions permitting the imaging agent to enter the blood vessels of the subject.--

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--93. (New) A method of claim 92, wherein the fibrin-containing substance is a thrombus.--

--94. (New) A method of claim 92, wherein the fibrin-containing substance is atherosclerotic plaque.--

--95. (New) An agent of claim 89, wherein the marker is a radioactive isotope, an element which is opaque to X-rays, or a paramagnetic ion.--

--96. (New) A method of claim 89, wherein the imaging is carried out using a gamma camera.--

In the Drawings

Please replace Figures 1A-53 on sheets 1/62 to 62/62 with replacement Figures 1-53E on sheets 1/86 to 86/86 attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

REMARKS

The subject application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/909,140, filed August 11, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/409,750, filed March 24, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial 08/058,241, filed May 4, 1993. A Notice of Allowance and issue fee due was issued on September 14, 1999 in connection with U.S. Serial No. 08/909,140. On December 14, 1999, applicants paid the issue fee. Accordingly, U.S. Serial No. 08/909,140 is pending today and the subject application is co-pending therewith for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the

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specification to provide an updated history of the parentage of prior related applications, to correct typographical errors and to provide deposit accession numbers at the appropriate locations in the subject application. Additionally, applicants have replaced the drawings as originally filed with formal drawings of Figures 1-53E. Applicants have also canceled claims 1-87 without prejudice and added new claims 88-96. Accordingly, claims 88-96 are presently under examination.

Support for the amendments to the specification may be found, inter alia, in the sentence or paragraph in which the amendment is made or in the drawings.

Support for new claim 88 may be found, inter alia, on page 45, line 32 to page 46, line 4 and on page 47, lines 15-23.

Support for new claims 89-95 may be found, inter alia, on page 47, line 26 to page 48, line 13.

Support for new claim 96 may be found, inter alia, on page 49, lines 7-9.

Applicants point out that the amendments made hereinabove to the specification and drawings merely conform the present specification and drawings to the allowed specification and drawings in the grandparent application, U.S. Serial No. 08/058,241, filed May 4, 1993. Applicants maintain that this Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$690.00 filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,


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